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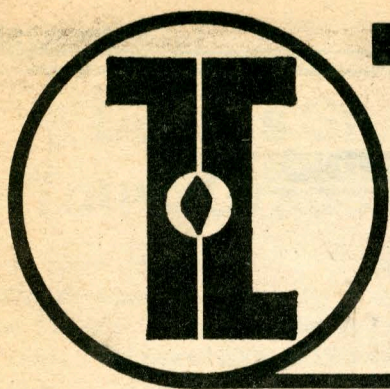
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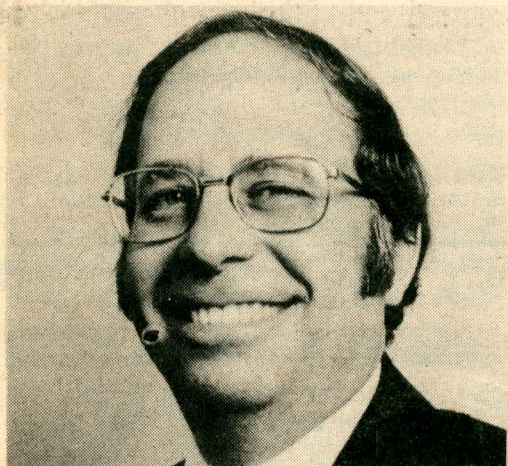
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# INDEPENDENT



## GINSBURG ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR TOURO'S LAW SCHOOL

by Peretz Buchsbaum

It has been announced that the site of the Touro Law School, set to open in October of 1980, will be the Touro College main campus on 44th Street. It is felt that this site would better suit the School's needs and is in the best location. The 44th Street building is only a few steps away from the American Bar Association and is close to many key law clubs.

According to the current plan, the Law School will share facilities with the College's

Men's Division for at least the first year. The College's library, located on the first and second floors of the 44th Street building will have to be relocated. An 80,000 volume law library will take its place. Eventually, the rest of the College currently using this building will also be relocated.

According to Dr. Gil Ginsberg, Dean of the Law School, admissions standards for the new law school will be comparable to those of the better

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## Groff Named Registrar

by Judah Lerer

When former Registrar Melvin Davis announced his decision to resign his position at Touro College, Dr. Bernard Lander, President of the College, was forced to search for a replacement. Fortunately, Dr. Lander was able to find a quick and constructive solution to his problem in the form of Rabbi Abner Groff, former Dean of Admissions at Yeshiva University.

Rabbi Groff, who has been involved in higher education for nearly all of his professional career, had served in the Yeshiva University Admissions Office for the past fifteen years, handling both the undergraduate and graduate divisions and holding the position of Dean in that department for the past five years. In addition, he has been involved in such agencies as the Middle States Association of Collegiate Registrars and

Admission Officers.

Rabbi Groff sees no problem in his movement from the Admissions Office to the Registrar's Office, believing that he has enough familiarity with the latter "from the other side of the desk." This confidence in his ability has been displayed to the students of Touro College by the very relaxed appearance presented by the new Registrar at a time when approximately 1400 students of the School of General Studies were involved in the registration process.

When asked if he had any special plans for improving his Office at this time, Rabbi Groff responded, "One first comes in and sees what is." Apparently he is quite happy with what he sees, remarking that his office is more advanced in terms of computerization than are the Registrar's Offices of other institutions.

## Carter Reactivates Selective Service Registration

by Joseph Lampert

President Carter announced in his State of the Union message of January 23 that he wished to reinstitute, at the earliest possible date, the registration of American youth with the U.S. Selective Service. Although many details of the President's plan are as yet undisclosed, and undoubtedly subject to fierce debate in Congress, the basic outline of Carter's scheme has been made clear.

Current law provides that upon reactivation of draft registration, all males aged 18 to 26 would be required to register with the Selective Service. President Carter has the legal power to reinstate registration without any prior Congressional approval, but any attempt to actually draft any individuals, or to register women, can only be implemented with the consent of Congress. Since the President's

drafting authority ceased to exist upon the birth of the all-volunteer army (January, 1973), however, and because the Selective Service system was put into deep freeze at that time, even the registration of males must, in effect, be approved by Congress. The funds necessary for reactivation of the system, estimated by White House Press Secretary Jody Powell to be in the vicinity of 10 million dollars, must be allocated for that purpose by Congress, thus ensuring that the legislative body retains some control over the specifics of the registration process.

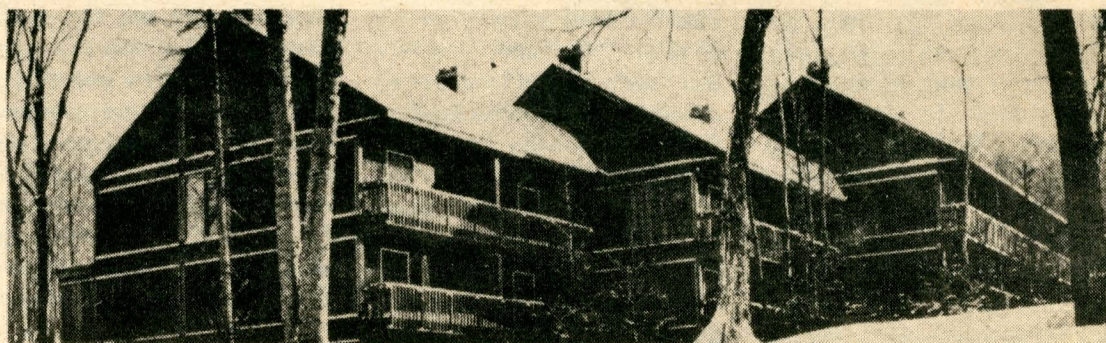
It should be noted that the registration procedure currently being discussed by White House and other officials could be considerably smaller in scope than the process employed in past years. Several government officials, chief among them the current Director of the Selective Service, Bernard Rostker, have

mentioned the possibility of registering only 18-, 19-, and 20-year-olds. Defense Secretary Harold Brown has made it clear that the registration plan is not intended to solve the current shortage of manpower in the armed forces, which exists mainly in the area of experienced personnel rather than new recruits. It is conceivable, therefore, that only a portion of the nation's youth might be required to register, since, in Mr. Brown's words, the "problems of retaining people who have been in 10 years aren't solved by the draft." Rather, the purpose of reinstituting registration would be that "we are far better off with a system that we have operated and tried and have in place, then we are now where we don't have a system."

The registration process desired by Mr. Carter would require all males, and possibly

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## Avalanche of Problems Hits Ski Trip



Smuggler's Notch—Site of Past Touro Ski Trips

by Howie Tabachnick

The annual Touro College ski trip, which was scheduled for January 20-24, could hardly be termed a success. The poor response to this traditionally successful trip, which resulted in its cancellation, may be attributed primarily to the poor ski conditions in Vermont and other ski areas. In addition, a similar ski trip, sponsored by students at City College and scheduled to start on January 27th, more appropriately coincided with the intersession of students in most of the colleges in the city.

This year's trip, as in the past, was to take place at Smuggler's Notch in Vermont. Due to the less than optimal snow conditions there, however, it was agreed by the management of Smuggler's Notch to transport the participants to Stowe, also located in Vermont. The cost of the ski trip was to be roughly ten dollars more than last year.

In the past, the ski trip fell under the auspices of the Touro College Student Government. This year, however, the administration felt that the trip should not carry the College's name for reasons undisclosed to

*The Independent*. As a result, this year's ski trip was organized by David Lunzer and Arthur Frisch, students at Touro College who are, coincidentally, the Sophomore Representative and Vice President of the Men's Division Student Government. Had the trip gone ahead as planned, however, all of the profits would have gone to the Men's Division Student Government. Last year's ski trip resulted in a profit of approximately \$500. Mr. Lunzer informed *The Independent* that a ski trip for next year is presently being contemplated.



## THANK-YOU JESSIE AND YOCHAVED

Special thanks go to students who volunteer their time and talent to do things for the benefit of the student body. In the case of these two students, the benefit will go beyond the student body.

In the Men's Division, Jessie Kass led a course in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation. Jessie is a trained instructor who can teach others this relatively simple procedure which has the potential of saving lives. It can be looked upon as almost a responsibility or obligation to

learn the life-saving CPR technique. Enrollment in a CPR course is necessarily limited and it is hoped that Jessie can be persuaded to offer another course in the future so that more Touro students can take advantage of his knowledge.

In the Women's Division, Yochaved Sorscher has introduced a first—and hopefully not a last! As the chairman and one-man embodiment of the Jewish Affairs Committee, Yochaved organized and hosted a Charity Tea which raised over

five hundred dollars for the *Yad L'Yeled* organization in Israel. A great deal of planning and advance work on Yochaved's part went into coordinating the Tea. Assisted by The Blackstone Balabustahs and Dean Goldschmidt, Yochaved hosted an extremely enjoyable evening for all of the women who attended.

On behalf of the student body and the Editorial Board, we would like to say *todah* and *yasher koach* to both Jessie and Yochaved.

## UNCLE SAM WANTS YOU

It is beyond the scope of a some-what monthly publication such as *The Independent* to keep track of all of the current events going on in the world. What we can report is that things are happening, and they are happening quickly.

We are ultimately affected by everything that happens in today's world. We are immediately affected by the prospect of a registration for the

United States Selective Service. For many of us, the draft of the 1960's and the Vietnam War is something that we read about in textbooks.

President Carter's recent decision to ask for the registration of 18-, 19- and 20-year old men and women is frighteningly real for the students of Touro College. If it is true about history repeating itself, it must be noted that

when there was a registration, there was a draft, and, when there was a draft, there was a war.

In an effort to further serve the students of Touro College, *The Independent* will be sponsoring a forum on the draft in the very near future. Exact details about the date, time and location for the forum will be posted in the Men's and Women's Division.

## We Like Touro Students, Too

To the Editors:

O.K. I'll admit it. For most of my past year and a half at Touro, I've avoided any and all social functions. Professor Popkin's entreaties regarding the good time I could possibly have by showing up went unanswered. I scoffed at the intermingling of the two divisions and used that classic line which must be as old as Touro itself to defend my position. "I don't want to have a nurdy time. . . ." How many other female and male Touroites have uttered the same line? Most of us have been exposed to those other famous last words which go something like this; "Well, the guys are immature, the girls are snobby, the girls are too strait-laced, and the guys aren't religious enough." Ask what the proof of these stereotypes is and the defensive answer will border on absurdity: "Listen, he/she goes to *Touro*, so how can they interest me?" That paradoxical talk is no figment of my imagination, as I too was subject to the same suspicions and colorless double talk . . . until recently.

I've been fortunate as of late

to have met some of the members of the Men's Division. I've taken part in stimulating, open conversations, got serious a little, and laughed a lot. I've found among the variety of guys I've spoken with, different minds and sensitivities, people no better, worse, or different than my peers in the Women's Division. I've come to believe that much of the "put down" aimed at Touro events and at the "other division" stems not so much from the desire of the men and women to seem aloof and cool as from the need of us all to protect ourselves from admitting to loneliness. It is a shame that the chance to alleviate some of this feeling is stifled by foolish barbs. Touro caters to a large number of out of towners whose childhood friends are far away. Why shouldn't they feel totally comfortable going to a mixed social function? There should be an easy basis of rapport—after all we attend the same college, and a small one at that. The analysis and general impressions of Touro among the men I've spoken to have been intriguing. The two divisions are both pieces of the same

puzzle, and the relationship between their members should be a closer one.

This is not to say that I haven't spoken to both men and women who were enthusiastic about the Touro events, and as a result, tried to persuade their classmates to attend. I only mean to point out that there seems to be a vague sort of stigma attached to attending a Touro event, a certain wariness with which one regards the whole idea. No one in particular is responsible for this; in fact, the Student Government increasingly has made an effort to provide an atmosphere of comfort at these functions.

It appears to me, that most of the reasons given for not attending, such as immaturity, strait-lacedness, etc. are all *bubamisas*. One cannot fairly take swipes at an entire division without making inaccurate generalizations. It seems, then, that the reason the problem of student turnout has not been totally solved is due more than anything to a lingering bad taste surrounding the question of religion. As one who has

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## TO THE EDITORS

### More About The Men's Dorm

To the Editors:

After reading one of the articles in the last issue of *The Independent*, one's impression of the Men's Dorm might be that of a cockroach infested, turn-of-the-century hotel that is near collapse, with a man by the name of Ebenezer Scrooge as landlord. Not only is this a grossly exaggerated description of the dorm but, at the same time, the most essential problem of the dorm is not described.

Apathy and a lack of concern on the part of the Administration is the central problem. Only once in the past five years has any Dean visited the dorm. Still, the Administration lays down rules and regulations while offering us little moral, spiritual, or physical benefits. The Administration fails to realize that one of the ways to build up a strong and established institution is through the dorm. Only through a dorm can true

school spirit, togetherness and college growth exist.

Many students go out-of-town to be independent and the dorm experience could undoubtedly attract many potential students, especially a school with an established dorm in mid-Manhattan. The fact of the matter is that the Men's Dorm is merely twenty-one guys who take up nine rooms in a twenty-two floor residential hotel and who happen to go to the same school.

The Administration has done a horrible injustice to themselves and to the students in the dorm by passing up opportunities to buy an apartment building which would house Touro students exclusively. Only in a real dorm can the closeness of students which is so essential exist.

It is then, and only then, that Touro can hope to reap in the benefits that come with a strong dorm.

Jimmy Burstyn

## TOURO'S MISHNAH DRIVE

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The Jewish Affairs Committee of the Men's Division is having a drive to get as many Touro students as possible to learn a Perek of Mishnayot. With everyone learning a Perek, we will finish Seder Mo'ed by Pesach. For those who need it, help will be provided in learning the Mishnayot. Anyone who wants a specific Perek, or who needs help in learning his Perek, should contact Louis Perlman or Shimon Yazersky.

**Celebrate!—It's Adar!! The Editorial Board  
Wishes Everyone a Happy Purim!**



## Dean's Study Finds Touro Grads Doing Well

by Iryah Heuman

What do a fashion designer for the Dylex Corporation in Canada, a Rabbi and his wife in a county of Florida, and a news production assistant for WINS all have in common? You guessed it! They are all members of that ever growing dynamic class of Touro College graduates.

In May, 1979, Dean Robert Goldschmidt, the Dean of Students, undertook a new project. He compiled a questionnaire to be mailed out to Touro graduates in an effort to systematize and record how Touro students are faring in their endeavors. Another goal he hoped to achieve was the establishment of a firm and active alumni association. Since that time, Dean Goldschmidt has devoted much effort to this project, and the response is pleasantly positive.

The goals of the founders of Touro College were to establish a college where both Judaic and secular studies could be harmonized. The expectation was that each student would reach a meaningful fulfillment in both of those areas.

Touro's first graduating class faced the world in 1974. One graduate from that year who majored in Judaic Studies is presently a catalogue librarian at the Jew's College in England. Another chose the route through N.Y.U. Law School and is presently a legal editor for Prentice Hall publishing. Others are in PH.D. programs all over the country.

The list of successes goes on and on. The fact is that Touro graduates are so successful that many have accomplished what they are doing without ever receiving a college diploma due to their lack of completion of the senior thesis requirement. The most strikingly prevalent phenomenon in ninety percent of the responses was that the graduates, irrelevant of what profession they chose, are still connected with and active in Jewish affairs.

The Dean feels the responses received from the '77 and the '78 graduates are his most complete collection, with an updated information file on approximately eighty-five to ninety percent of those students. Alumni from the Men's and Women's Division are con-

tinuing in their fields. Thirteen respondents are in Masters of Business Administration programs, seven are in law school, and five are in various aspects of the medical profession. Although the overriding majority of students continued studies and work after graduation in the field of interest pursued during their undergraduate careers, some took exception to the rule. A biology major who graduated in '76 now owns his own farm on a Moshav in the Negev. A classmate of his, who majored in Economics and Finance is an Israeli border policeman in Judea and Samaria. In the true spirit of harmonizing Judaism and secular education, a former Judaic studies major is now a manufacturer and distributor of children's and ladies underwear.

Other interesting facts have come to light about Touro's graduates. Queen's people will be happy to note that there is legitimacy to the claim that they carry clout! Their borough leads the way, with the highest percentage of graduates residing in it, while Brooklyn pulls a close second. In the responses thus far received, it is reported that three "matches made in heaven" were made between the two Touro College campuses, and who knows how many such "matches" have gone unreported.

One student wrote of his experience in interviewing for a summer law position. He was asked by three of New York's largest law firms, "What's a Touro?" He continued, however, that he was offered positions which others in his law class, with identical grades from "name" schools did not receive. He is now attending Columbia Law School.

Our graduates have slowly acquired influential positions in all walks of life. Aside from numerous lawyers and accountants, we have a graduate who serves on the Executive Board of the Democratic Party of Kings County. The Rabbi of Belle Arbor, Connecticut is also one of our own. We have managers in companies ranging from Ponds Cold Cream to Wine Imports of America; from the N.Y. Sewing Machine Attachment Corporation to the International Ladies Garments

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## Changes This Cure Could Kill The Patient

by Cynthia Darrison

In a speech on December 2, 1978, Rabbi Alexander Schindler, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC), the congregational arm of Reform Judaism, proposed that American Jewry actively seek converts from among the

each family, below the replacement level.

"In other words," Rabbi Schindler went on to say, "I support that we respond openly and positively to those God-seekers who voluntarily ask for our knowledge. I do not propose that we strive to wean

other systems of meaning into closer proximity.

For today's American Jew, the ultimate goal would seem to be integration into American society. Fortunately, many still continue to oppose the final step of integration—intermarriage. Unfortunately,



religiously unaffiliated—that American Jewry reverse the practice of centuries and begin a drive to convert the "unchurched" to Judaism.

"I believe it is time for our movement to launch a carefully conceived Outreach Program aimed at all Americans who are unchurched and who are seeking roots in religion," he proclaimed.

Rabbi Schindler cited what he saw as a great religious hunger in the United States, a hunger which leads some people into bizarre and destructive cults, such as the People's Temple of the then recent massacre fame. Because of this, Rabbi Schindler said that the traditional Jewish reluctance to seek converts is no longer appropriate in today's American context.

"My friends, we Jews possess the water which can slake the thirst, the bread which can sate the hunger," Rabbi Schindler told the board of the UAHC, "Let us offer it freely, proudly—for our well-being and for the sake of those who earnestly seek what is ours to give."

Rabbi Schindler cited the decline of the Jewish population as a compelling reason to establish an Outreach Program. Like the Conservative and the Orthodox branches of American Jewry, the members of the UAHC are especially concerned about the high rate of inter-marriage and assimilation among Jews today.

While figures may vary, one study showed that at least one-third of all Jews in America marry non-Jews and that the birth rate among Jewish couples has fallen to 1.4 children for

people from religions of their choice and with the boast that ours is the only true and valid faith."

Rabbi Schindler's suggestion came toward the end of a decade marked by controversy over proselytizing of Jews by Christian groups, such as Jews for Jesus. In December of 1972, the late Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, then President of the UAHC, criticized the "avalanche of Christian missionary activities" launched under the evangelistic drive "Key '73."

In April of 1978, the Israeli Knesset passed a new law under which anyone who offers any "material inducement" to an Israeli to change his religion will be liable to a \$3,200 fine and five years in prison. Furthermore, anyone convicted of converting to another faith for non-spiritual benefit may be sentenced to three years in prison.

Obviously, the situation in Israel is very different from that in the United States. In America's culture, religious groups are free to reach out to the millions of people who identify with no faith.

The modernization of our society breaks down barriers among human groups. Gone is the *shtetl* environment with its closed and protected community. Today, there is intense and ongoing interaction with all kinds of people. Modern urbanism and geographical mobility tend to blur the lines of distinction between the different communities. The modern communication media bring the presence of other societies, other ways of life and

there is a growing sentiment in the Jewish community that intermarriage cannot be stopped and that the most sensible thing is to make the best of it.

In an article in *Commentary Magazine*, David Singer explains that intermarriage became so prevalent in the 1960's that it could no longer be dismissed as a social or personal aberration. The increase in intermarriage, as with most social change, generated a measure of approval for itself, seeming to be the "wave of the future." In 1970, Sociologist Marshall Sklare called the changing attitudes toward intermarriage an "accommodation to the inevitable."

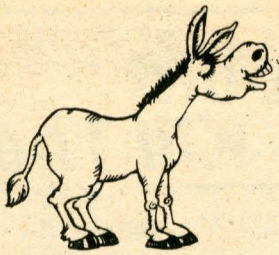
In June 1973, the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), the Rabbinic Association of the Reform Movement, went on record opposing the participation of any CCAR member in a mixed marriage (a marriage involving a non-Jewish partner). More than a show of strength, this resolution was a last-ditch effort to hold the line against the growing number of Reform Rabbis who were willing to officiate in such marriages. The figure was forty-one per cent in 1972 and is estimated to be over fifty per cent in 1980.

In an immediate response to the CCAR resolution, a counter-group was formed. Rabbi Irwin Fischbein explained, "Rabbinic participation in mixed marriages is in the best tradition of Reformed Judaism. It is an attempt to respond in a

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If you would like to work on The Independent, contact someone on the Editorial Board.





# ARS

## The Enemy Among Us- T.V Highlights Nazi Problem

by Yitzhak Gold

In a well documented, well organized program, ABC-TV has for a change, utilized its FCC broadcasting license to serve the public. An ABC News Close-Up dealing with Nazi war criminals in America showed that on a subject where cliches abound, some people are actually attempting to do something other than parrot trite phrases.

The show was divided into four segments. At the beginning of each segment, a question was posed and subsequently dealt with. The first brutal question raised concerned how many and who were the Nazis who were able to escape the pitifully inadequate retribution meted out at Nuremberg. It turns out that there are approximately two hundred of the worst dregs that hell has ever spewed forth living in the United States. These two hundred criminals are responsible for approximately two million murders. (On hearing this incomprehensible number, it makes the label "criminal"

sound archaic.) To make matters worse, ABC discovered that there are only sixteen active cases of litigation against these convicted murderers now pending in court.

The show then proceeded to give brief biographical accounts of the Nazis. It is interesting to note that none of the Nazis cared to or dared to speak out in their own behalf though ABC offered them this opportunity. Viewers were introduced to a Romanian Orthodox Archbishop by the name of Trifa. Before his arrival on our welcoming shores, he was head of the notorious "Iron Guard" in Bucharest. This organization's sole purpose was to exterminate Jews and Communists. In one Trifa-led pogrom, two hundred Jews were killed in a slaughterhouse. Trifa then ordered them to be hung on meat hooks and labeled "Kosher Meat". This was done by a man who opened our 1955 Senate with his blessing! It is really quite frightening to think of the esteem and respect that Archbishop Trifa commands.

For the past twenty years, a

Dr. Kramer has researched and sent hundreds of documents to the Justice Department ascertaining Trifa's guilt. Yet no move was made to start proceedings against Trifa. Why not? How did these War Criminals get to the United States and why are they able to stay? These were the next two questions broached by the program. The answers are really quite inadequate. The first reason cited was the Cold War with Russia in the Fifties. The resulting breakdown in communication caused a lack of exchange of evidence and a reluctance to deport people to the Soviet Union. This just goes to show that even as far back as the Fifties, when the Nazi horrors were still implanted vividly in everybody's mind, current events clearly took precedence over "old news". Also, the fact that certain Nazis had knowledge of Soviet military might, or were scientists, helped them to gain entrance to the United States.

Once these arrived in America, high level govern-

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## "Watch" Miracle on 45th Street

by Cynthia Darrison

This play has been renamed "The Miracle on 45th Street." Despite being panned by the *New York Times*, a virtual deathknell for a serious dramatic Broadway play, "Watch on the Rhine" has survived.

Instead of closing after five performances, the play's actors announced that all of those involved with the production of the play had agreed to take a cut in pay so that the play could remain on Broadway. The actors and the play's director, Alvin Brown insisted that the show be continued.

"It's a play about heroism and courage, and is as relevant today as it was when it was first produced," Mr. Brown commented. "Today there is a watch on Iran and a watch on Afghanistan, a watch on Libya, a watch on Pakistan."

Certainly, there is not much to criticize about Lillian Hellman's ever-timely anti-Nazi drama. Written in 1941, "Watch on the Rhine" brings the Nazi threat to the home of the widow of an American diplomat in Washington, D.C. At the time of the play's original premier, the swastika flew over most of Europe and Miss Hellman was among the growing group of people agitating for American intervention.

Director Brown explained, "Part of the strength of the show may stem from the fact that although the political issues



Harrison Yulin and Jill Eikenberry in "Watch On The Rhine"

seem more complicated today, we still have, in effect, a conflict between complacency here at home and danger or potential danger abroad."

"This business in Iran has united Americans in a spirit of moral indignation. We feel the time has come when we must say no, whatever the sacrifice."

The strongest character in "Watch on the Rhine" is the anti-Nazi leader who must make personal sacrifices to continue his resistance. After bringing his American wife and children to safety in the United States, he feels compelled to return to Europe. While the others laud him for his bravery, the hero emphatically states that "you are scared but you will do it. I have fear but I have belief in a cause."

The end of the play is par-

ticularly poignant as the play's protagonist must say good-bye to his wife and children, knowing that he will probably not return safely from Germany. When told by his American hosts that he should not leave, he exclaims, "Every man can give excuses! Every man has children!" He compares the onslaught of Nazism in Europe with the frost. "The peasants stand in the fields and tell the frost not to come but it is of no use. We've been here for thousands of years and still can't get the world right."

In a special interview with members of the college press, the actors spoke of the effect of "Watch on the Rhine." The Americans in the play are portrayed as being particularly innocent and naive. The actors contend that, in a more subtle

form, the villain of the play is Fanny Fairly, the American widow, happy in her complacency as an American. The subtext of Miss Hellman's play could be seen as being the education of Fanny Fairly.

While the idea might be overdrawn at points, the actors involved in "Watch on the Rhine" feel that conveying a political message is a legitimate use of theater. George Hearn, the actor who plays the anti-Nazi hero, explained, "Each person in the play has to respond to what is happening. No one knows exactly where to put his foot morally. It's a matter of finding a place in a time of scrambled morality. People don't start blowing up bridges until the war is in their land."

Unfortunately, criticism can be leveled at the actual production of the play. A couple of the actors do absolutely nothing with their roles and the stage's grandiose set tends to dwarf all of the actors. The younger members of the cast, however, are especially adept at portraying children who have lived a life on the run, knowing what not to say about their father's activities and always ready to pack their bags and run to the next hiding place.

Despite minor flaws in production, Lillian Hellman's voice is still as resonant today as it was forty years ago. "Watch on the Rhine" is definitely worth seeing.

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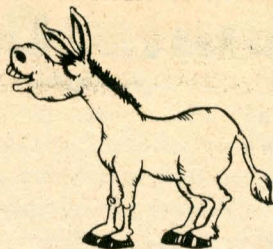
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## Le Carre Does It Again— This One's A Thriller

by Rachel Sawyer

Devotees of espionage will be happy to hear that John Le Carre's new novel, *Smiley's People*, is a winner. But *Smiley's People* is more than just a good yarn, catering to the whims of a select few, and I heartily recommend it to all who are interested in reading good fiction. Le Carre's latest transcends genre. It goes beyond the narrow confines of the 'spy novel' and becomes art, thus broadening the novel's scope and providing worthwhile entertainment for all.

*Smiley's People* is the third in a series of novels concerning George Smiley—retired, head of the British Secret Service. In the novel Smiley comes out of retirement for a final confrontation with his mortal enemy, Karla, the man who serves as Smiley's counterpart in the Soviet Union. The rivalry between the two men goes back a long way and has become an intensely personal one. In the first novel of the trilogy, *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*, the Russian agent infiltrated British

headquarters through the person of Bill Hayden—Smiley's closest friend and confidante. As a result of this coup the entire British Secret Service is dishonored and must be rebuilt from the ground up. This is reason enough to provoke bitterness yet Karla twists the knife further by encouraging Hayden to become the lover of Smiley's wife, thus making a travesty of his marriage in addition to humbling the Secret Service for all time and making it dependent upon the whims of its allies in espionage, the Americans. In *Smiley's People*, Smiley has the chance to avenge himself on Karla in much the same way—he discovers the agent's most personal weakness, that for which he has compromised his position as head of Soviet Intelligence, and destroys his career. But the victory is a pyrrhic one as Smiley realizes that by manipulation of Karla in this manner he has degraded himself. For years he has sought revenge but had always felt himself to be above the ruthless

tactics of his Soviet remesis. Now comes the realization that this is not so and the ultimate victory ends in defeat.

The action of the novel takes place in London, Paris, Moscow and Switzerland and, under Le Carre's hand, the settings are rich and flavorful. The plot is taut with suspense. But the real value of the novel lies in its characters. They are presented with sympathy and understanding and Le Carre shows a great depth of human understanding. Smiley does not fit into any prototype of the "spy" as found in other espionage novels. He is neither James Bond (he is nearsighted and pudgy)—seducing glamorous lady spies and wielding sophisticated gadgets—nor is he a spy of the Graham Greene type—convinced of the absurdity of existence and without political or moral convictions. Rather, he is a human being and as such we feel deeply for him and can identify with his strengths and weaknesses. *Smiley's People* is a novel that says much about the human condition.

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## Presidents' Column



Before beginning anything new, it is always good to look back on the past and take pride in our achievements and learn from our mistakes. Fall 1979 was a very productive semester for Touro College's Women's Division. Many new programs have been organized. Much more has been offered to the members of the Student Body. Carnivals, Survival Kits, Sweatshirts, Jackets and Nightshirts, Luncheons, and, a Touro first, a Charity Tea, have all added to our school spirit.

Yet there are other elements in our school spirit that must be examined. We are a small school (it's not quantity but quality that is important) so we have to watch out for each other and help one another. Allowing our day to day problems and upsets to get in the way or become a part of us causes a break down of the understanding and friendship that is easily developed within a small school.

In order to make our Spring Semester a very productive one, a semester filled with friendship, harmony, success and the fulfillment of our goals, we must all strive to overcome the set backs that occur and work together to make Touro the school we all want it to be.

It's not easy to wander through the crowded streets of New York and realize that God is here with all that has happened to this world. But we must remember—God is always with each one of us.

The primary goal of Touro College is to provide a top secular education and, even more important, to provide a place where each of us can learn

and grow religiously and socially and continue to have faith in ourselves and mankind.

In this time of upheaval and unrest, it's not always easy to further our *Yiddushkeit*, especially living in Manhattan where we must live within the world and yet, stand apart. At Touro we are somewhat shielded and protected from these outside forces. We are able to live our lives the way we want to, as true observant Jews.

**Robin Gordon**

A new semester marks a beginning, yet for the Student Government, it is a continuation. This semester brings us the spring weather and the spring events. Thanks to the help of Arthur Frisch, Peretz Buchsbaum, Howie Baruch and the Student Representatives, the Student Government has worked hard and will work harder.

Fall '79 brought about a new perspective for the Student Government. With their business minds and Torah outlook, the Student Government has sponsored numerous events, working for the students and with the Administration.

The students have been involved in intra-collegiate activities. Students have also been involved in all aspects of college faculty activities—Admissions, Academic Standing, Curriculum, College Planning, Faculty Assembly, Faculty Advisement, and much more.

Students are an integral part of the College and can take a constructive part in problem solving; the committees arranged by the Student Government make student involvement possible.

The goal of the Student Government is to work for the students. This includes building Touro's name in a beneficial manner. The Student Government tries to conduct itself in a manner which will make the students, as well as the Administration, proud of their representatives.

The Student Government has used the student fees in a positive manner which consists of the numerous events and a substantial balance in the account. This was made possible by the efficiency of Peretz Buchsbaum, working with Arthur, Howie and myself on all money expenditures.

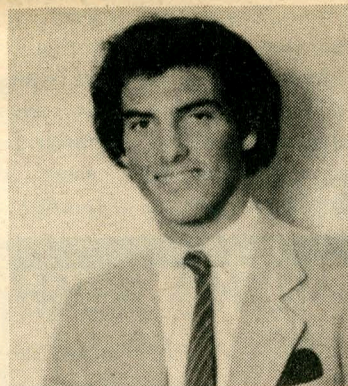
The fine cooperation between the Men's and Women's Student Governments has made much of our success possible. This cooperation exists between the Student Governments and with the Administration. The Women's Student Government, headed by Robin Gordon, has worked hard to ensure that each of their tasks is successful.

Students are what make a college and the Student Government is what the students create to voice their opinions. Otherwise, one can't voice an opinion if it is not received. We, the Student Government, are here to listen. Even more so, we *want* to listen. Remember, the Student Government works for you—the students.

We hope that this semester brings as much, if not more, success than the previous one.

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**George Frenkel**



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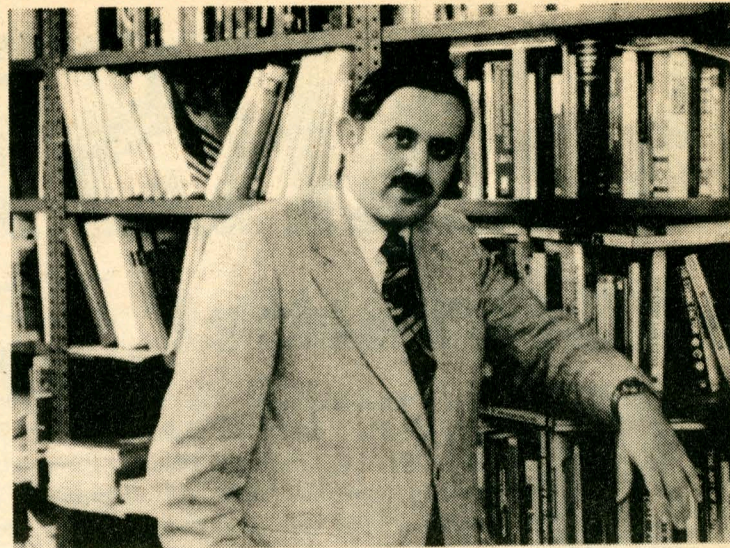
Workers Union. We have three budding journalists, and even a few insurance salesmen. With friends like these, Touro may not face problems in the future as it has in the past.

From the 1979 graduates only a fifty percent response has been received. Graduates from the Women's Division show an increase in graduate education. Eighty percent of the

Women from the Class of 1979 are in fact continuing studies in their various fields. Five of last years women are currently spending their time learning in *yeshivot* in Israel, two are in law school, and one is the Advertising Manager for *Jewish Living Magazine*. The men are holding their own in Hofstra, N.Y.U., Baruch, Einstein, Harvard, and other graduate

institutions. In the near future, a new contingent of Touro graduates will be braving the new world.

Touro's commitment to Judaism and secular advancement seem to have been retained by the graduates thus far. Whether or not this trend will continue remains to be seen. The future is, after all, in your hands.



## From The Dean

Resumes, grade transcripts, and references are considered essential tools for those seeking to enter the job market. Subjective opinions aside, how important really are these three instruments for job hunting? How do employers treat these tools? Some interesting data bearing on these questions is now available from a recently concluded mail survey of 170 major American corporations. Combined, these companies conduct over 200,000 interviews yearly for entry-level positions.

Resumes are meant to serve three functions. First, they are door openers, sent out in the hope of landing an interview. Second, they serve to structure the interview. Third, the resume is the only tangible reminder the personnel officer has of the job applicant once the interview is concluded. Faced with a flood of resumes, employers spend little time in studying them, usually scanning each document for less than a minute. Under these circumstances, how can you minimize your chances of being knocked out of consideration?

A sloppy resume will effectively kill your chances of being interviewed. The most serious offenders, in order of importance, are poor grammar, spelling errors (typos are not forgiven), and poor organization. Over-promises, a subjective factor, may also harm your chances. There is some disagreement about format, but most employers prefer standard-size resumes (8½" by 11") with a maximum length of two pages. Indeed, thirty six percent of the respondents strongly agreed that a resume should only be one page long. So, a second page should be added only if it contains essential information. On the other hand, odd-size, original looking resumes have been used sometimes by job

hunters to catch the attention of employers. Finally, with respect to resume content, a clear description of the job objective, colleges attended and degrees earned, extracurricular activities, and a statement about college grades were ranked as very important.

Among the employers surveyed, seventy-six percent stated that they usually (fifty percent of the time) or sometimes (twenty-four percent of the time) requested grade transcripts. Queried further, three out of five employers say grades are very important in the consideration of candidates. Moreover, the quality of the transcript also affects salary offers. High grades could earn a new graduate a differential between 3 and 10 percent, a significant advantage if you bear in mind that salary increases are cumulative.

References were given somewhat less emphasis than expected. The greatest value was attributed to recommendations from previous employers, with academic references ranked second. Personal references were least solicited and were least-likely to be checked.

The Touro Career Library contains several publications dealing with job hunting and resume preparation. For further assistance, or to role play an actual interview, make an appointment with Ms. Naomi Kapp. She will be glad to help you.

There is good news for pre-med students! Following a ruling by a federal district-court judge, the American Association of Medical Colleges reversed its earlier stand and announced that MCAT exam will be administered in New York on April 26th and April 27th. Registration kits should be available in my office shortly.

**Robert Goldschmidt**  
Dean of Students

## Touro Alumni



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positive way to the increasing incidence of mixed marriages in a mobile and open society." Rabbi Fischbein went on to say that Rabbinic participation in mixed marriages improves rather than worsens conditions in that it stops the feeling of total rejection of one out of three Jews.

In his speech to the UAHC, Rabbi Schindler particularly appealed for efforts to convert the non-Jewish partner in an impending intermarriage and to remove the "not-wanted signs" that "make non-Jewish spouses feel alienated."

Although Rabbi Schindler stressed that he did not approve of intermarriage, he declared that "the tide is running against us and we must face it." Rather than react defensively toward mixed marriages, he said, Jews should make every effort to be sensitive to the needs of the non-Jewish partner.

Going along with Marshall Sklare's theory on "the accommodation of the inevitable." The spirit of acceptance of intermarriage is very evident today. It is in ascendancy in all but the Orthodox community.

Recently, in reaction to the activities and attitudes of the Reform and Conservative communities, Rabbi Maurice Lamm, leader of the 675-family Beth Jacob Congregation in Beverly Hills, California, the largest Orthodox synagogue in the West, came out strongly against "the accommodation of the inevitable." Rabbi Lamm announced that the synagogue will require proof from prospective marriage partners that they are really Jewish.

While expressing a "personal distaste" for such inquiries, Rabbi Lamm said that he felt compelled by circumstances to require such proof. He said that he shares the fears of many Rabbis that American Jewry is being assimilated through marriages with non-Jews. He stated that he is especially alarmed by tendencies to handle the situation by proselytizing non-Jews and broadening the definition of who is a Jew.

Instead of the American custom of verbal assurances, Rabbi Lamm favors the Orthodox custom in Israel and Great Britain of asking for letters from prospective

marriage partners saying that they are really Jewish. In the case of converts, Rabbi Lamm said that he will ask for certification from recognized Jewish courts.

Rabbi Lamm's announcement was made in his Sabbath morning sermon on January 5, 1980, three days before the joint speaking appearance in Los Angeles of Rabbi Schindler and Rabbi Harold Schulweis of Encino, California, a leading figure in the Conservative movement. Rabbi Schindler and Rabbi Schulweis were expected to speak about Schindler's 1978 proposal and his proposal to do away with the principle that the Jewish identity of a child be determined solely by whether the mother is Jewish.

"The status of a Jew," Rabbi Schindler said, "should be conferred on any child, either of whose parents is Jewish, provided that both agree to raise their child Jewish and do so."

Rabbi Lamm, however, said that changing the traditional laws of lineage and converting without regard to fundamental Jewish law are measures "more harmful than the sickness they propose to cure."

Despite growing support for the changing attitudes among "progressive" leaders in American Judaism, Orthodox Rabbis, including Rabbi Lamm, contend that such moves bring cultural hazards to both Jews and Gentiles and that tougher strictures are the best way to combat intermarriages.

Rabbi Schulweis responded to Rabbi Lamm by attributing the adverse reaction of the Orthodox Rabbinate to a growing tendency in recent years to "delegitimize other branches of Judaism."

If, as the "progressive" movement claims, the pressure on the community has led to concessions, the concessions serve to encourage intermarriage, which brings about increased pressure. So does redefining the identity of a Jew. It is apparent, however, that the controversy and the clash will continue between the traditional mood of constructive rigidity and the new widespread acceptance of religious pluralism in America and the intermingling of the various religious communities.

## Touro Law School — continued from page 1

law schools in the country. Dr. Ginsberg stated that although they will be looking for students with Law School Admission Test Scores in the high six hundreds and attractive grade point averages, the School will initially be seeking a more self-motivated and high-potential type of student. He added, "With the faculty we will be having, if a student can't get turned on by this law school, then he's made of stone." Dean Ginsberg stressed the importance of the full-time, exciting teaching staff, which the school will have, and their past backgrounds in teaching as well as law practice.

Making up the teaching staff will be a judge and some of the most prominent lawyers from around the country. Judge Jacob Fuchsberg of New York will be lecturing on the subject of litigation, a subject with which the law school hopes to attract others. United States Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger has criticized law schools for not strongly emphasizing litigation. In an interview with a reporter from *The Independent*, Dean Ginsberg stressed the fact that the school will take litigation very seriously and give it extensive coverage. Also named to be on the faculty is Hans Frank, of Freid, Frank, Harris and Schriber, one of the

most prestigious law firms in the country. Mr. Frank will teach Civil Law. Ron Green, a leading attorney in the area of equal employment and affirmative action, will be teaching at the new Law School. Dean Ginsberg pointed out that the particular fields in which the Touro Law School will be specializing are not extensively covered by most of the leading law schools in the country. This is especially true for the area of Jewish Law.

The school will perhaps be uniquely known for its Institute of Jewish Law. The Institute will be the focal point, featuring legal research, publications, and instruction in the field of Jewish Law. The Administration hopes to establish Touro as the center of Jewish law in the country. Dean Ginsberg added that the College has already made an extensive commitment of resources towards that goal. The Institute will also serve as a training program for teachers of law who have not been previously introduced to Jewish Law in their fields. Seminars will be given on the subject of comparative law to both students and visitors.

Another unique idea offered by the Touro Law School will be a year of study abroad in Israel. Classes will be held at Bar Ilan University in Tel Aviv. It

should be noted that the same curricular and structural standards will be observed in Israel as in the United States.

The entering Class of the Law School will consist of 150 students, divided into two sections of seventy-five each. The class is considered small and is attractive when compared to other law schools, such as Columbia University's, which have larger classes with almost twice the amount of students.

Whereas most law schools use their revenue to subsidize their College's undergraduate divisions, this will not be the emphasis of Touro's law school. The College is looking forward, however, to acquiring university status through the establishment of the Law School.

In the brochure distributed by the Law School, mention is given to the fact that many major law firms across the country have agreed to interview the School's first graduating class. Concerning this, Dean Ginsberg explained, "The firms believe the program to be used by the Touro Law School meets their criterion and standards for the type of people they will be interested in as their associates." He added, "We are committed to turning out that sort of graduate."

## Letter to the Editors — continued from page 2

broken through the barrier of "religious prejudice" towards the Men's Division, allow me to state that members of both divisions have been making equally ludicrous statements which are not even pertinent to the situation.

What I mean is that even if you believe that either the men or women are more religious, it does not make a difference regarding Touro activities. You are not attending a party, show

or Chagiga to meet your "bashert!" This is not a *shidach* date where your intention should rightfully be to figure out whether your attitude matches your companion's. You're coming to an event to have a good time, meet people, perhaps cultivate a new friendship. In this mad time of our lives when many of us feel the pressures involved in dating, it should be a refreshing bit of emancipation to be able

to be part of a gathering where one need not feel constrained by the social mores attached to going out.

Touro men and women, take it from me lightning won't strike if you converse with a member of the opposite sex at a Touro activity. You may even find yourself surprisingly enchanted by the experience. At the very least you may learn something—as I certainly have.

**Darlene Leiser**

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## Keeping Abreast

by space cadet members: Janis Joplin, Disco Queen and Blue Eyes ... The Touro Winter Florida Convention of 1980 will hold its reunion in the near future ... Rabbi Tabachnik has been asked to return and lecture (LECTURE?) at the Atlantic Towers on the topic of romantic interludes ... Health addict Bushy Lehrer will discourse on the dangers of taking aspirins, and using sugar on food ... He will also give a *shiur* on how to woo ladies of all ages. One excerpt is: "trade apples for kichels with the octogenarians by impressing them with your charisma, and pick up foxes by shouting "Pajamas" on the corner of Collins Avenue ..."

Some questions remain: Will Bushy Lehrer change his name for the relatives to Mr. Leiser? ... Where did Iryah disappear to on many an evening? ... Did Shabbos afternoon lunch convince Blue Eye's aunt of the existence of Touro's Quade program? ... And will Ann Sackser reveal the true identity of Uncle Julius? ... Signs will be posted announcing the return engagement of the glittering disco queen and her entourage next winter at Tiffany's ... The Jimmy Carter Conserve Gas award goes to Disco Murray ...

Anyone donating a month's supply of band-aids to the Samurai Warrior will be allowed to snap a picture of Joe in his sand throne ... M<sup>2</sup>F Bardash and Rabbi Tabachnik have been meditating on the effects of a sweatshirt, knee-socks and pajamas on the disco queen's early morning appearance ... Despite his acquainting himself with a flock of blond admirers, the disco scene on the Love Boat and

gambling, Marc Gruenbaum succeeded in retaining his tan as well as his sanctity ... Remember, as a last resort use Janis Joplin's Last Resort for a weekend retreat ... it comes equipped with a catering service ... As of yet, the Disco Queen has not chosen between bachelors numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, etc. Will Jimmy's sisterly love win out in the end? ... Meanwhile, back on earth, plans are going ahead for the Touro Law School. Roy Cohn has been invited to give a special seminar on "Ethics in the Legal Profession" ... With the approach of Spring, rumours abound concerning the condition of the elevators. Survivors of the spring of 1979 should get their track shoes out of mothballs ... In case of an elevator break-down, all classes will be moved to the 8th, 10th and 11th floors of the Men's Division. Business will be suspended on the 4th and 5th floors ... To get everyone in the spirit, *The Independent* is sponsoring an Elevator Contest—try to guess the exact date on which both elevators in the 44th Street building will stop working and the students will get the shaft. The winner will be escorted to the 16th floor by the Editorial board. All entries should be submitted to Felix ... Now that the Women's Division is parting company with their building on 68th Street, what will the Park East Synagogue do with all those rooms? Perhaps a playground for the Sisterhood? ... Next year in Smuggler's Notch ... Mazel tov to all the newly engaged—Yaffa Horowitz, '80 and Gamliel Danziger, Monica Hasten, '81, and Stephen Rosenfeld, Aviva Stavish, '81, and David Weber.

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## The Draft

females as well, of the age group specified, to fill out a form at their local post office. The form would presumably ask for the individual's name, age, address, and social security number, as well as his or her parents' names and addresses, in order to facilitate later contact with individuals who have moved subsequent to registering. There will be no physical examinations, and no classification of those registering. At the height of the Vietnam conflict, the figures officially cited indicated that only one to two percent of the nation's youth failed to register, and the Selective Service is claiming that it expects con-

siderable less opposition to this registration. The legal penalties for failure to register are expected to remain the same as the were during the Vietnam years, namely, up to five years in prison, and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

Although the possibility exists that the registration procedure would be limited to those 18-20 years of age, the Administration remains adamant regarding other aspects of the composition of those involved. All males, and possibly females, in the specified age group would be required to register, with no registration deferments or exemptions allowed. In ad-

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dition, the government plans to permit many fewer draft deferments and exemptions should a draft eventually be implemented. Jody Powell has gone on record as stating that President Carter firmly believes there should be "none of the exemptions and deferments that tended to benefit the privileged and discriminate against the underprivileged, which we saw during the Vietnam war." The deferments most often cited, unofficially, as being prime candidates for elimination include the undergraduate student deferment, and various particulars of the divinity deferment and full-time seminary student deferment.

## Women Might Have To Register

President Carter has submitted a proposal to the U.S. Congress which would authorize him to require the registration of women for the draft. The proposal, long hinted at by First Lady Rosalyn Carter and Defense Secretary Harold Brown, is expected to face a tough battle in both houses of the legislature.

Speaker of the House Thomas P. O'Neill has repeatedly declared that registration of women is unpopular in Congress, and that

the House would never approve such a plan. Senator Sam Nunn, Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee and a vocal advocate of draft registration for men, has expressed deep reservations concerning the support such a proposal would have, even among Senate conservatives.

Among the reasons cited for the introduction of Carter's proposal are the possible legal problems involved should only men be required to register, quoted by Secretary Brown,

and the "equal rights entail equal duties" philosophy of Ms. Carter. The range of duties which women might be assigned remains a controversial topic, one which President Carter did not resolve in his proposal to Congress. One possible solution, suggested by Retired Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, a former chief of naval operations, would be to allow each service secretary—Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines—to decide on the degree to which women will serve in combat or non-combat roles.

## Nazis In America

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ment officials and organizations intervened in their behalf. The CIA, it was revealed, had an entire operation code-named "Paper-Clip," to assist Nazi war criminals. The most blatant case of high level intervention surfaced with the case of Otto Ambrose, the chemist. Ambrose, who created and supervised the I.G. Farben plant in Auschwitz, was responsible for overworking to the point of death one hundred inmates a day! For this, Ambrose was charged with "slavery and mass murder." He was sentenced to a laughable eight years in prison. (In today's society, a person is labeled a mass murderer for killing a "mere" dozen or so citizens. Such people are labeled as "crazies," jailed and, every now and then, photographed and interviewed by the press like a side show in a carnival.) But, Ambrose, who is responsible for thousands of deaths, had his sentence reduced from eight to three years by the American government. Why? Because a millionaire businessman by the name of J.P. Grace needed Ambrose's knowledge and

organizational skills and attested to his "personal integrity."

The saddest question of all was saved for last. What is being done about this gross miscarriage of justice? The answer is, regrettably, "Very little". Even when the Justice Department wants to get involved, it comes up against insurmountable obstacles. A perfect example of this concerns an Iron Guard financier named Nicolai Miloksa. When deportation proceedings commenced, his friend's law partner called up the Justice Department in his behalf. This person happened to be Richard Nixon. Recently, after the urging of Congresswoman Elizabeth Holtzman of Brooklyn, a special committee to investigate Nazi War criminals in America was set up. However, as we enter the 1980's, the major difficulty is the aging of witnesses and defendants.

It seems to be a case of "too little, too late" regarding the World War II criminals. There is, however, far more to be

done about Nazi problems, other than repeating truisms such as "Lest we forget" or "Those who forget their past are condemned to repeat it." Right now, there are numerous Neo-Nazi groups in the world whose avowed purpose is to eradicate the Jews. Amnesty International, after many years of investigation, has just released a report on the creation of concentration camps in Argentina. There, the Jews are singled out for punishment and are forced to kneel before portraits of Mussolini and Hitler.

During his interview on ABC-TV regarding the Trifa case, Dr. Kramer said "I'm interested in this man being brought to justice because he's a criminal. Also because I'm a Jew and," tearfully, his voice rising, "I'm interested because he killed seventy-seven people from my family. I have no uncles, no aunts, no relatives at all from my father's side." It is unfortunate that people wait till tragedy strikes their immediate family before becoming emotionally involved.